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Thousands of Volunteer Solicitors to Make Calls Week of October 31 College Growth Presents Unique Challenge for 1977 Fall Foundation Drive

Thousands of volunteer solicitors and close to one hundred local chairmen are gearing up for what will be the most ambitious and comprehensive Fall Foundation Drive in the history of Dordt College.

Challenged by a campaign goal of \$125,000, volunteers will be out in force during the week of October 31 (the first week in November) contacting each household regarding the campaign.

With an 11.5 percent increase in enrollment (110 more students) plus the addition of new programs of study and teachers in the areas of agri-business, art, drama, and social

work, Dordt's operating budget has also experienced a big increase this year.

Although students pay 80 percent of these increased costs through higher tuition fees, Dordt must look to God's people this year with a special appeal to help meet the higher costs.

The campaign contacts in each church are being organized and directed by a network of local chairmen from each congregation. The local chairman is also responsible for bulletin announcements, and other details regarding the campaign effort.

The solicitations will be handled by

a variety of groups, such as young people, ladies aids, young married couples and, in some cases, a miscellaneous group of volunteers. Each volunteer has been asked to turn in the results of his or her contacts to the chairman by Saturday, Nov. 5. Local chairmen will be calling the college with their results to allow an early tabulation of the campaign results.

Almost all of the 109 Christian Reformed churches in the Midwestern six classes use volunteer solicitors to pick up gift envelopes during the week of the drive. An increasing number of C.R. churches in the western U.S.A. and Canada are also using some form of personal contacts.

Some churches are participating by designating Sunday, Nov. 6, as Dordt College Fall Foundation Day and encouraging church members to place their gifts in the church collection plate on that date. In all, approximately 250 churches are participating in this year's drive, including quite a few German Reformed and Orthodox Presbyterian congregations.

Dordt has conducted the Fall Foundation Drive annually since the very first year of Dordt's operation. Donations to the drive have increased from approximately \$3,000 the first year to a little over \$110,000 last year.

All the money raised in the drive is designated for the 1977-78 school year operating budget.

The foundation drive is a *once-per-year request* for gift help with the *operating budget*. Dordt doesn't use a monthly envelope program; neither does the college send out multiple appeals during the school year (Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years, Easter, etc.) As a result, Dordt must and does rely on your response to this Fall Foundation Drive for the entire school year.

If you are inadvertently missed in the personal contacts, or if your church bulletin fails to mention the drive, please feel free to send your contribution directly to Dordt, using the blue gift envelope provided through the mail.

DeWaal to Keynote Reformation Week Observances

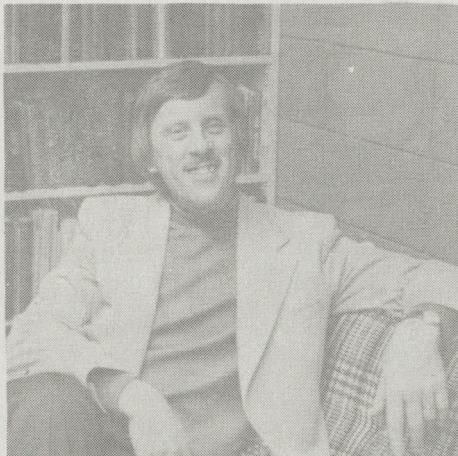
Dr. Sidney C. J. DeWaal, pastor of the Third Christian Reformed Church of Edmonton, Alta., and Dean of Students of King's College, Edmonton is speaking for the Dordt College Reformation Week observances in Sioux Center, October 30 through November 2.

His lectures will pursue a "renewal" theme in education, the church and the family.

He will also speak in some of Dordt's classes.

Dr. DeWaal graduated from Calvin College with an A.B. in history and education. He received his M.A. in guidance and counseling at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa; his B.D. at Calvin Theological Seminary and doctorate of religion from the Chicago Theological Seminary.

DeWaal has been principal for the Christian schools in Sully, Iowa, and in Cleveland, Ohio. He has served as pastor of the Christian Reformed Church in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. DeWaal has functioned as a missionary and professor of theology at the Seminario Juan Calvino (John Calvin Seminary) in Mexico City; professor of psychology at Trinity



Dr. Sidney C. J. DeWaal

Christian College in Chicago; and has a private counseling practice in Chicago.

Sunday, Oct. 30, Dr. DeWaal will speak at the Bethel Christian Reformed Church in Sioux Center on "Reformation Reverberations." DeWaal will point out that "Anyone or any movement that tries to maintain and

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From the President's Pen....

by Rev. B. J. Haan

Blessings Create Greater Need

Blessings create greater need. That is a fact. At least this is true at Dordt College. What blessings am I referring to, which create greater need? It is the amazing growth of Dordt College. More and more students are choosing Dordt to be their higher educational home. They come from all parts of the nation and Canada (1,112 total; 240 Canadians). This is an increase of 110 over last year.

Financial Support Strong

Obviously this demands more facilities which place greater demands upon God's people. And, glad to report, Dordt has enjoyed tremendous support from the constituents in meeting capital needs. What a delight to move among our friends throughout the states and Canada asking for their help in our expansion efforts. This support gives us high encouragement.

An Area of Special Concern

One area, however, of special concern is that of Dordt's operational budget. Our record is really great. Dordt has never yet operated in the red. We just do not want to spend more than we receive in our annual operational budget. How did we manage to accomplish this record? For one thing, there has been careful budgeting. And we have continued to raise tuition income while still staying below other comparable higher educational institutions in rates. Prospective students do well to study the total costs at Dordt compared to others.

Then, too, the people have, up to now, increased their support. True, the percentage of increase in help has been higher in the tuition area than in the area of gift support. A few years ago we received 70 percent from tuition and 30 percent from gifts. Today we obtain 80 percent from tuition and 20 percent from the people. Of course, that 20 percent today is considerably higher than the 30 percent a few years ago, simply because our total operational budget is much higher. Students are picking up the major part of increased costs. But our people have to supply the rest.

A Special Plea

So here comes the special plea. God has

blessed Dordt College. He has sent us many covenant young people from covenant homes. Our task is to provide them an excellent academic program rooted in our biblical, reformed faith. We are convinced that the spirit of our Lord is with us as we go about our life here on campus. These young Christians are so grateful to you for making such an institution possible for them. And we want to make good provision for all their needs, spiritual, social, recreational, etc., to the best of our ability.

This fall Dordt needs \$125,000 from our people for operational costs. It is an urgent request! Join our many friends as they help to make this year also one which is a tribute to the Lord for His blessings upon Dordt College.

Dordt: Once Out in the Cornfield; Now Starting Prairie?



Instructor Gordon Brand (left) demonstrates the flora in Dordt's miniature prairie to Jo Ann Hop of Edgerton, Minn., and Clarence Joldersma of Hamilton, Ont.

Dordt Named Beneficiary of \$140,000 Revocable Trust

Dordt College has been designated as the beneficiary and trustee of a \$140,000 revocable trust set up last month by a friend of the school, according to Lyle A. Gritters, director of development.

Under the terms of a revocable trust, the donor receives all the income earned by trust assets as long as he lives and also reserves the right to revoke (withdraw) all or any part of the principal if he needs the funds.

"A revocable trust is an attractive, very simple method for a person to exercise Christian stewardship of the possessions and wealth God has given him during his lifetime," Gritters noted.

The donor is assured of all the "interest" or other earnings generated by the trust (which is often necessary to live on), he is also assured of the right to take back all or parts of the trust assets during his lifetime if he needs them. Another important advantage is that amounts left to a Kingdom cause through a revocable trust are removed from the person's estate and therefore not subject to various estate taxes and administrative fees.

These types of gifts are tremendously important to the future strength and stability of Dordt College. If you would like information regarding revocable trusts, please write the college.

Things are not always what they seem. What may resemble an overgrown weed patch is really a miniature prairie in disguise.

A 25-square-meter memento of the Great American Prairie has sprung up east of the Science Building. Delmar Vander Zee, associate professor of biology on leave of absence this year, initiated it last May. He simply arranged to have the campus maintenance men not mow a plot of ground, and a natural prairie is taking over.

According to Gordon Brand, teaching assistant in biology, the purpose of the prairie is two-fold. It will help ecology and environmental biology students learn the "flora of the prairie" in a natural setting. Secondly, Brand thinks it will serve as aesthetic inspiration for local artists and photographers.

Considering the fauna aspect of the prairie, Brand chuckled that although small animals would naturally fill in, "there will be no bison."

Part of the "upkeep" of the prairie will be simulating a native occurrence—burning. Brand said this was important for maintenance, since it is part of the prairie ecosystem.

Band to Tour East



The Concert Band will head for the East Coast for the first time in its history this Christmas vacation.

The bi-annual tour will begin on January 5 and wind up with a home concert on January 18. The band will put on 13 full concerts and seven high school assemblies. A 20-member stage band will perform in the assemblies.

Conductor Gerald Bouma expanded the group from 63 to 72 pieces this year. An especially expanded woodwind section will give the band "a full symphonic sound," Bouma said. "The kids are a lot more excited about the music they're playing than they ever have been before," he added. "I think that excitement is going to show up in the concert(s)."

The band will cut a record before tour for sale at the concerts. The music will range from the latest works to standard transcriptions to music that could be used in church. "All of it is going to have a definite listener appeal," according to Bouma.

In between a rigorous performance schedule, the band will tour New York City for almost a full day. They also plan quick stops at Niagara Falls and the Back to God Hour operation in Chicago.

Following is their schedule:

Thursday, Jan. 5	De Motte, Ind.
Friday, Jan. 6	Pittsburg, Pa.
Saturday, Jan. 7	Goshen, N.Y.
Sunday, Jan. 8	West Sayville, N.Y.
Monday, Jan. 9	Paterson, N.J.
Tuesday, Jan. 10	Whitinsville, Mass.
Wednesday, Jan. 11	St. Catharines, Ont.
Thursday, Jan. 12	Hamilton, Ont.
Friday, Jan. 13	Toronto, Ont.
Saturday, Jan. 14	Kalamazoo, Mich.
Monday, Jan. 16	South Holland, Ill.
Tuesday, Jan. 17	Ackley, Iowa
Wednesday, Jan. 18	Sioux Center, Iowa

DeWaal: Renew! (cont. from page 1)

emphasize a corner on the truth, a partial truth, will never be a Reformer, a renewer today."

DeWaal will continue with the renewal theme in a lecture series at Dordt. Monday, he will lecture concerning "Renewal and the the Family" and cover the relationships between husbands and wives, and between parents and their children and teenagers. Noting parent-teen relationships, he maintains, "If the parents have not yet learned who they themselves are, the struggle toward independence on the part of their teenager will be a tremendous threat to them."

"Renewal in Education" is the topic November 1. DeWaal concludes that humanistic education "falls flat" because it fails to acknowledge that man's humanity has its roots in God through Christ, although it is distorted by sin.

In DeWaal's final lecture, Tuesday, Nov. 2, "Renewal in the Church," he observes that many church-going people are "turned off" by the church because they feel the church is irrelevant and has nothing to say about the everyday problems they face. They accuse the church of holding on to old forms and customs for the sake of tradition.

DeWaal responds to this attitude: "If we are faithful to the Word of God, the church and the people in church, will bring tremendous change into the world. Jesus brought radical change in his life-time. And

he was rejected by the powers of the day. They were afraid of change. . . ." He encourages Christians not to let the world change us, but, "Let us change the world!"

Etcetera

Business Manager Bernard De Wit reports that bids have been let for the new parking lot to be constructed adjacent to the new Chapel-Music Center. The Board of Trustees approved the lowest bid, which came to \$43,000. This project is part of the Forward Thrust Campaign.

Board of Trustees member, the Rev. Ken Vande Griend, has announced his resignation due to his leaving Classis North-Central Iowa. The Rev. Vande Griend has accepted a call to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in Classis Pella. The Rev. Curt Roelofs of Cedar Falls, Iowa, has been elected to replace Vande Griend.

Dr. Russell Maatman of the Chemistry Department has had an article, "Understandability as a Criterion for Belief," published in the September issue of the "Journal of the American Scientific Affiliation."

Public Colleges vs. Christian Colleges

Whether you want to or not, you are probably paying for at least 70 percent of the cost of educating each of the thousands of students enrolled in the public colleges and universities in your state or province.

Students in state colleges in the United States pay only about 30 percent of the cost of their education through tuition; the other 70 percent comes from tax dollars shared by all state citizens.

The governments of most nations have long maintained that higher education is so important to the interests and welfare of the nation that public higher education is to be substantially supported through tax dollars. The rationale of the government is that since everyone benefits from such institutions, whether or not he even attends, everyone must help pay the cost.

If governments place that high a value on their colleges, what should Christian colleges mean to the Christian community? What is it worth to have institutions that provide the same "higher education" that state schools provide but an education that is permeated with the spirit and teachings of Christianity? How do you place a value on having a college that seeks to honor Christ's Kingship over all areas of life and learning and attempts to provide a wholesome, Christian environment for covenant young people? Young people who attend Dordt College

must pay 80 percent of the cost of their education. Obviously most students (and parents who encourage them) must be coming to Dordt out of conviction and purpose.

Is it reasonable then, to ask you as part of the body of Christ, to help pay 20 percent of the cost of Christian higher education at Dordt through your gift support? Quota relief and offerings provide a part of this needed 20 percent. But a large portion must be raised through free will gift responses to the Fall Foundation Drive.

The Fall Foundation Drive is the important link in raising the 20 percent gift support portion of the budget. That is why Dordt places so much emphasis on this once-per-year campaign.

There are over 1,000 Dordt students from the CRC plus 16 from the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and 14 from the Reformed Church in the U.S. The attitudes and ideas these young people form at Dordt will have a tremendously important impact on the churches and societies of tomorrow. Your gift to the 1977 Fall Foundation Drive will do much to keep Dordt strong so it can continue to offer a high quality, soundly Reformed, Calvinistic educational program for covenant youth.

Lyle Gritters
Director of Development

Vander Berg Explains Philosophy of Coaching

"I feel that I have been called by God to be a coach," Rick Vander Berg, new head basketball coach at Dordt College, explained. He joined the faculty at Dordt this fall as instructor of physical education and will also coach track next spring.

He said, "By allowing me to coach, God has given me a tremendous responsibility in guiding young men through the mental, emotional and physical." He believes, "Faith is the basic foundation in coaching."

Regarding Dordt's prospects for the coming basketball season, Vander Berg felt, "Spirit and conditioning make the difference." He has 11 returning lettermen trying out, eight upperclassmen and three who were freshmen last year.

Vander Berg described competition as a "learning, growing experience." He commented, "Too often, there is too much emphasis on winning and hating the other team." He emphasized the importance of respecting the opposition and its coach: "Sometimes people not in athletics carry grudges and make it a battle. Spectators miss the value of good competition because they see only games."

Vander Berg attended Boyden-Hull High School in Hull, Iowa, where he lettered in basketball, baseball and track. He graduated from Northwestern College in Orange City in 1968 with a bachelor's degree. While there, he lettered in basketball and baseball and set an individual career scoring record in basketball. In 1970, he received his master's degree in health, physical education and recreation from South Dakota State University in Brookings, S.D.

At Unity Christian High School in Orange City, Vander Berg coached baseball three



Rick Vander Berg

years, cross country seven years and basketball and track eight years. As a graduate assistant at SDSU, he coached gymnastics.

In 1974, the Unity Knights won the Iowa State Basketball Championship in Class A. Vander Berg stated that this was certainly one highlight of his coaching career. At that time, he was named Iowa Coach of the Year in Class A and the Sioux City Journal Area Coach of the Year.

Vander Berg was the District Coach of the Year in 1976, when the Knights came in fifth at the Iowa State Track Meet. Two of his cross country teams have taken second place at the State Cross Country Meet. He was awarded a plaque last fall when the team won the state meet.

Vander Berg and his wife, Delores, live in Orange City. They have four children — Shelley, 10; Rachel, eight; Richard, five; and Susan, three.

"J.B." to be Staged

Patient Job turned prosperous businessman in the 20th century under the name J.B. in Archibald MacLeish's play "J.B." He loses his wealth, health and family but re-evaluates his faith in God, in a New England setting.

The Theatre Arts Department chose "J.B." for their first play this year, November 3-5. The Dordt Thelians produced the play in November, 1967.

The audience might recognize themes and people from the Old Testament book. Job's three comforters, Zophar, Eliphaz and Bildad, turn up as a clergyman, a psychoanalyst and a Marxist.

The new theatre arts faculty are working full-strength on this play: James Koldenhoven is directing; Michael Stair is designing the scene; Vernon Meyer is technical director; and Dr. Gary Warmink is in charge of music and sound design. Edward Kruis of Gallup, N.M., is student director.

Doyle Smiens of Austinville, Iowa, who has acted professionally, will perform the title role, with Leann Jelgerhuis of Orange City, Iowa, playing his wife Sarah. Dan Van Heyst of Forrester, Man., and John Kanis of Pella, Iowa, will portray the pair Zuss and Nickles.

New Organ Scholarship

A new organ scholarship, funded for five years by Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Ringerwold of Hudsonville, Mich., has been set up for Dordt, starting with the current school year.

Each year's winner will receive one year of free organ lessons. A jury examination committee composed of the music faculty will select the recipients. Because the scholarship emphasizes performance, competitors will have to play a selected works.

The competition will be held in April of each year and the performances will be open to the public.

Etcetera

The Concert Choir has already been working hard on the music for the Elizabethan madrigal dinners December 7-10. Alumni night has been set for December 10. Reservations will cost \$6, virtually the lowest of any madrigal dinners offered throughout the continent, according to the Grotenhuis.

Communication professors Daryl Vander Kooi and Charles Veenstra will present a paper at the convention of the Speech Communication Association and the Religious Speech Communication Association in Washington, D.C. on December 1-3. They have titled the paper "Ethical Foundations for 'Religious' Persuasion: A Biblical View."

Another paper, "Ethics of Persuasion—Reconsidered" appeared in "The Communicator," a journal sponsored by the Northwest Communication Association.

In its annual tour at the end of March, 1978, the Concert Choir will perform in Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan and Iowa.

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